

State Board of Education
Read to Achieve Local Alternative Assessments
2014–2015

The following alternative assessments have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) for use by local education agencies (LEAs) and charter schools at the LEAs’/charters’ expense. Current third graders must use only the alternative assessments and achievement levels that were established by the SBE on October 2, 2014. LEAs/charters must submit documentation to Accountability Services by December 1 of each school year indicating which of these alternative assessments will be used with students. Please note that Reading 3D (mClass), adopted by the SBE to meet the requirements of the Read to Achieve (RTA) program, is administered to all students. Level P is the achievement level for Reading 3D that satisfies the RTA promotion requirement.

Test Name	Lexile Level Provided	Recommended for 2014–15	Clarification for 2014–15 End-of-Grade 3 Achievement Level
Northwest Evaluation System (NWEA) — Measures of Academic Progress	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher (207 scale score)
Scholastic Reading Inventory	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher
STAR Reading	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher (537 scale score)
Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher (Level 9 Test at 71 st Percentile)
i-Station Benchmarks	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher ¹ (258 scale score)
i-Ready	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher (537 scale score)
Case 21	Yes	No – 1 st Benchmark ² Yes – 2 nd Benchmark Yes – 3 rd Benchmark	Lexile Level 725 or higher (22 out of 35 items correct) ³ (28 out of 45 items correct) ⁴
Discovery Education Grade 3 Summative Assessment	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher (1505 scale score)

¹ Scale score 258 is equal to 720L, which is the closest scale score to 725L.

² A linking study was not conducted for the 1st benchmark; therefore, results of that assessment may not be used in determining if a student met the Read to Achieve law.

³ Achievement level is only for the 2nd benchmark results. A raw score of 22 out of 35 items correct is equal to a 720L, which is the closest raw score to 725L.

⁴ Achievement level is only for the 3rd benchmark results. A raw score of 28 out of 45 items correct is equal to a 725L.